

AGENDA (DRAFT)
BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING
Tuesday, September 22, 2020- 5:30 PM
GOLDEN GATE REGIONAL CENTER
VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING

- 5:30 pm I. CALL TO ORDER (Audrey deChadenedes)
- ACTION** II. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (Audrey deChadenedes)
ACTION A. Agenda (A)
B. Record of June 15, 2020 Meeting
- 5:40 pm III. PUBLIC COMMENT/ANNOUNCEMENTS (Audrey deChadenedes)
- 5:50pm IV. STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, BAY AREA OFFICE UPDATE
(Sheraden Nicholau)
A. The Top 5: Action & Advocacy You Can Take for Affordable, Accessible and Inclusive
Housing
- 6:00 pm V. COMMITTEE REPORTS
- A. People’s Caucus (Isaac Haney-Owens/Jay Katz)
- B. Services Committee (Audrey deChadenedes)
i. Community Hero Recognition
ii. Board Presentation: Housing and Home Support Services (Amanda Pyle, GGRC;
Micaela Connery, The Kelsey; Jan Stokley, Housing Choices)
- 6:40 pm C. Board Operations (David De Lira)
ACTION i. Recruitment
ii. Election of Treasurer
- 6:50 pm D. Finance Committee (Tracey Bullock)
i. Monthly Financial Statements
- 7:00 pm E. Service Provider Advisory Committee (Abigail Yim)
ACTION i. Appointment of Four New SPAC Members
ii. SPAC meeting update/ COVID-19 Response Activities of GGRC’s Provider
Community
- 7:10 pm F. Legislative Committee/ARCA Reports (Audrey deChadenedes)
i. Legislative Update
ii. Other ARCA Delegate Updates
- 7:15 pm G. Executive Committee/Chairperson’s Report (Audrey deChadenedes)
- 7:20 pm VI. DIRECTOR’S REPORT (Eric Zigman)
i. GGRC Update on COVID-19 Response Activities
- 7:30 pm VII. Adjourn Meeting to Executive Session, if necessary (Audrey deChadenedes)



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BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING
RECORD of September 22, 2020 5:30 PM
1355 Market St. Ste. 220
San Francisco, CA 94103
VIA ZOOM CONFERENCING

PRESIDING: Audrey deChadenedes

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Edith Arias Isaac Haney-Owens
Nini Aye Jay Katz
Michael Bernick Alex Madrid
Tracey Bullock Abby Yim
David De Lira Tiger Yorke
Yuk Ling Kau Dillon York

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Kathryn Carpenter Amanda Pyle
Lop Hou Lisa Rosene
Ingrid Lin Wyman Toy
Jennifer Maxwell Eric Zigman

GUESTS: Debra Adler Kate O'Connor
Breanne Burris Jan Stokley
Micaela Connery Linda Tung
Shelley Forest Kalisha Webster
Maxine Milam Carl Yorke
Sheraden Nicholau

CALL TO ORDER (Audrey deChadenedes)

Ms. deChadenedes called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Welcoming remarks and self-introductions followed.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (Audrey deChadenedes)

ACTION A. Agenda

ACTION B. Record of June 16, 2020 Meeting

The agenda for tonight's meeting and the Record of Meeting of June 16, 2020 were approved as submitted.

M/S/C: (David De Lira motioned/Alex Madrid seconded).

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PUBLIC COMMENT / ANNOUNCEMENT

Isaac reported that he attended a Zoom residential zoning summit which Mayor Breed attended. The focus was on potential zoning laws to limit further development in SOMA.

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (SCDD), BAY AREA OFFICE UPDATE (Sheraden Nicholau) Advocacy Top 5: Action & Advocacy You Can Take for Affordable, Accessible and Inclusive Housing

Sheraden gave a presentation on the importance of inclusive housing by promoting awareness of discriminatory practices against persons with disabilities. She discussed the five best measures that the community and individuals can take to attain more affordable, accessible and inclusive housing.

1. Knowing the lingo and terminology and how housing is made in your area.
2. Partnering with statewide and regional housing advocacy and development organizations.
3. Attending City Council and Board of Supervisor meetings.
4. Advocacy, by reaching out to your local regional center, DDS and legislators.
5. Networking in your local community, through social media and other venues to fight NIMBYism and other forms of housing discrimination.

For the calendar: The next State Council Bay Area Regional Advisory Committee meeting will take place next Tuesday, September 29th at 7:00pm, and will include an agenda item on special education updates for the re-opening or transitioning back to school. Nine legislative offices have RSVP'd to speak to their constituents with disabilities about issues that matter, and to answer questions.

Visit the SCDD website to see our collection of frequently updated resources, which are available in English, Spanish and Chinese, and Tagalog. <https://scdd.ca.gov/>

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The People's Committee (Jay Katz & Isaac Haney-Owens)

Jay reported they just had the People's Committee meeting prior to this meeting. Isaac has started a fundraiser through Go Fund Me for Camp Krem, which sadly burned down recently. Has raised over \$500 already, and counting. He also reported that Alex Madrid and Paul Cruz from CID (Center for Independence for People with Disabilities) gave a presentation which focused on emergencies and COVID-19. Liz Grigsby also provided a presentation on voting rights.

Services Committee (Audrey deChadenedes)

Community Hero Recognition

Audrey reported that GGRC would like to present an award to Espie Sorongon, in recognition of her extraordinary support of people with developmental disabilities, and recently her exceptional efforts for temporary alternative housing during the COVID pandemic. Espie has been a long-term registered nurse in our catchment area, specializing in residential homes. Audrey, on behalf of GGRC thanked

Espie for her dedication and her exceptional work with helping providers expedite the process of co-licensing homes during the pandemic.

Board Presentation: Housing and Home Support Services (Amanda Pyle, GGRC, Micaela Connery, Executive Director, The Kelsey, Jan Stokley, Executive Director, Housing Choices, Kalisha Webster, Housing Coordinator).

Amanda and Lisa gave a quick overview of some of the different types of supported living models.

Independent Living Services (ILS) Focus on adults living independently that need basic support services, medication, shopping, etc., averaging about 25 hours of support per month.

Supported Living (SLS) Adults who live in their own homes, own or lease, who need assistance with selecting the home and assistance they may need with making independent choices for everyday living.

Family Home Agency (FHA) Agency recruits and certifies people who want to open their homes for a person served (up to 2) to share that home. FHA hires social services staff who make regular visits to ensure safety and well-being.

Intermediate Care Facilities (ICFs) These facilities are licensed by California Department of Public Health, funded by Medi-cal, and provide 24-hour per day residential services and supervision.

Community Care Facilities (CCFs) These facilities are licensed by Community Care Licensing Division of the State Department of Social Services. Provide 24-hour non-medical residential care to children and adults served. Each home is vendored by a regional center and is designated by one of 4 service levels, depending on the needs of the individual.

Specialized Residential Facility (SRF) These Negotiated rate homes, also licensed by Community Care Licensing, provide services to 3 or 4 individuals with increased medical or behavioral support needs.

ARFPSHN or 962 Home These are licensed facilities for persons who have special health care needs and require 24/7 licensed nursing supports. This allowed persons coming from the developmental centers to live in their own homes as opposed to have to live in a skilled nursing facility, and must be approved by DDS.

Enhanced Behavioral Support Home (EBSH) This is a newer model, similar to ARFPSHN but focuses more on individuals requiring more behavioral support. Must be owned by a housing development organization.

Community Crisis Home (CCH) These homes are designed for a temporary stay for individuals who are in crisis in order to stabilize their behavior until a more permanent home is found to relocate. These homes must also be owned by a housing development organization.

Pamphlets including one entitled “Moving Forward: Choosing Where to Live” are available in English, Spanish and Chinese and Tagalog on our GGRC website (<http://www.ggrc.org/resources/pamphlets-a-other-literature>), and there is also a Living Arrangement section on the DDS.ca.gov website, which also explains the different housing models.

The Kelsey (Micaela Connery)

Michaela reported on the Kelsey, a San Francisco based non-profit, whose mission is to enhance housing options for person served. Michaela was inspired to start this organization by her cousin Kelsey who had special needs. The focus is on developing low and mixed-income housing opportunities for persons served, as well as housing advocacy. There are three factors driving the challenge:

- Affordability - Most individuals are unable to afford housing in San Francisco due to a fixed income)
- Accessibility - Many buildings in San Francisco are not accessible for persons with disabilities.
- Inclusivity - Many homes are not committed or educated to foster the needs of individuals.

Many projects are under planning and construction, including a large development in San Francisco, The Kelsey Civic Center. All of these projects are designed with a commitment to disability inclusion, sustainability and affordability. The Kelsey is also very active in individual advocacy, including their “Raise the Roof” Program, a training program that trains and cultivates people with disabilities to be informed, effective voices and leaders in housing development and advocacy. This program was instigated by the fact that too many leaders in the housing industry are simply not familiar with persons with disabilities and their needs.

For more information, please check out our website at www.thekelsey.org

Housing Choices (Jan Stokely, Kalisha Webster)

Kalisha gave an overview of Housing Choices, founded in 1997. Their mission is to enhance the lives of people with developmental and other disabilities and their families by creating and supporting quality, affordable housing opportunities. They currently support over 2000 people, serving five counties, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Benito and Monterey. The focus is housing navigation, housing retention, and housing advocacy. Housing Choices has recently been collaborating with GGRC’s individuals served who are in dire need of housing.

The presentation included many new projects that have been completed or are in the planning/construction stages, and are ever expanding. Housing Choices is committed to developing deep community connections through relationship building among persons with disabilities, which includes long-term advocacy efforts to mobilize residents and other advocacy groups, in order to increase the number of housing units available in all five counties.

For further information, visit their website: www.housingchoices.org

Presentations were all well received and a Q&A followed.

Board Operations Committee (David De Lira)

Recruitment

David reported that we continue to recruit two board members, and encouraged all to contact him if they know of anyone interested in becoming a member.

Election of Treasurer

David thanked Tracey Bullock for her outstanding efforts as board treasurer for the 2019-20 fiscal year. Due to other commitments, she has stepped down from this role, but will continue to serve on the board.

As per GGRC’s bylaws, the Board Operations committee has recommended board member Michael Bernick to fill the Officer role of Treasurer for GGRC.

ACTION: The election of Michael Bernick as the new board treasurer was unanimously approved.

M/S/C: (Alex Madrid motioned/Isaac seconded)

ARCA Academy

Eric reported that the ARCA Academy will be moving to online this year, and there is a survey that ARCA would like board members to complete prior to registration of the new training.

Finance Committee (Tracey Bullock)

Operations

Fiscal year to date operations expenditures are under budget by 3.3%. All operations funds have been fully encumbered for the fiscal year over normal course of operations.

Purchase of Services (POS) Excluding CPP

The current fiscal year initial POS funding provides for projected increases in caseload, rate changes due to the bridge funding effected in May, and the projected rate increases expected in January. Fiscal year to date Total POS expenditures are under budget by 5.7% or 94.3% expended to date. The current estimate is a net projected surplus of approximately \$20.3 million for the fiscal year. This includes \$13.6 million in total projected COVID-19 additional costs to date, offset by not incurring costs for original projected increased services that would otherwise have occurred.

Community Placement Program (CPP) Funding

The current fiscal year initial CPP funding provides for the development of a 4-bed Enhanced Behavioral Support Home (EBSH), a day program for behavioral needs, training to care for individuals with dementia, health and relationship programs. Contracts are in process.

There will be CPP Start-Up COVID-19 funding for surge related costs in upcoming contract amendments. Total surge related contracted costs to date are \$392k with \$109k funds allocated.

Service Provider Advisory Committee (Abby Yim)

SPAC Meeting Update/COVID-19 Response Activities of GGRC's Provider Community

Abby reported that SPAC continues with weekly COVID Zoom conferencing every Tuesday, and that attendance continues to grow. SPAC continues to receive directives from DDS with regard to transitional changes that are happening.

Appointment of 4 new SPAC Members

Abby brought forth four new SPAC members recommended by the Service Provider Advisory Committee to join as voting members of SPAC. Short bios of the new members were presented.

ACTION: That David Dubinsky, Elena Herting, Dianna Conti and Danielle Azzalino be confirmed as four new members of the Service Providers Advisory Committee.

M/S/C: (*Tiger Yorke motioned/Alex Madrid seconded*).

Abby reminded interested people to continue to navigate the new provider website for resources, including things we can do to support each other in this difficult time. The site is updated frequently: <https://www.connectics.org/providerresources>

Legislative Committee/ARCA Reports (Audrey DeChadenedes)

Legislative Update

Audrey reported that our system's funding is status quo for the current fiscal year, even without additional COVID relief funding from the federal government. This is a big relief because COVID spending has really impacted the budget. Unfortunately, due to strains on state finances due to COVID and fires, we weren't able to make any of the gains we had hoped for.

ARCA expects the next fiscal year's funding to be a big challenge, so we are gearing up to get ahead of any threats to the funding of our service system - trying to come up with a coordinated statewide push, with clear and consistent messaging.

Executive Committee/Chairperson's Report (Audrey deChadenedes)

Audrey reported that the committee had their first fiscal year meeting earlier this month. Discussions included board presentation planning and some slight adjustments to the board committee meeting schedules.

Director's Report (Eric Zigman)

GGRC COVID-19 Update on Response Activities

Eric reported that GGRC continues to report COVID positive test results to DDS on a daily basis. Thankfully, over the six month period, of the 10,000 people we serve, we have only had slightly over 80 individuals report positive tests, many of whom are able to quarantine at home with no symptoms or mild symptoms. We continue to support our provider community and meet with between 70 and 95 of them on a weekly basis. Regional centers' authority to grant specific health and safety funding relief to residential providers has allowed many, many providers to support their staff and minimize virus exposure. We continue to work closely with the State Council for local PPE distribution to individuals, families and provider organizations. Non-residential services have been a real focus for GGRC. Working with our provider community, GGRC produced a structure and process of nonresidential services as they move into this new transitional period. DDS has announced an Alternative Services Model for nonresidential services that is in line with the earlier work of GGRC on this issue.

Eric thanked the GGRC provider community, as well as GGRC staff, for taking a leadership role in this transition to the Alternative Services Model and for all the incredible creativity and effort that has gone in to supporting those we serve both at home and in their nonresidential services.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:35pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathryn Carpenter
Executive Administrative Assistant

Jay Katz
Secretary, Board of Directors